

REMARKS

Claims pending in the instant application are numbered 1-30. Claims 1-30 are rejected.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claims 7 and 20 are objected to because of informalities.

Claims 7 and 20 have been amended to overcome the objections. The Applicant respectfully requests the claim objections be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14-19, 21-25 and 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wong, U.S. 6,260,021. Claims 9, 13, 20, 26 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wong.

Claim 1 as presently amended expressly recites:

A method of transferring health-related information in real-time, the method comprising:

generating health-related information at a portable healthcare device;

sending the health-related information from the portable healthcare device at a

first end of a network pathway to a remote information site at a second end of the

network pathway, the network pathway having a series of segments, each segment, immediately upon receipt, to prepare the health-related information with appropriate data for reading at the next segment along the network pathway towards the second end of the network pathway; and

receiving the health-related information at the remote information site at the second end.

Wong is directed to distributing medical images from storage systems to client workstations (Abstract). Wong discloses that a user accesses a client workstation and requests medical image data downloaded from a medical image distribution system (col. 14, lines 1-58). Wong discloses that a user provides patient identification to retrieve a medical image for the patient (col. 14, line 34). However, Wong does not disclose that a user generates a medical image at a workstation to be sent to the medical image distribution system. Thus, Wong fails to disclose “generating health-related information at a portable healthcare device” as claimed by the Applicant.

Further, Wong discloses a client workstation, such as a standard PC (col. 7, lines 23-28). However, Wong fails to disclose a “portable healthcare device” as claimed by the Applicant.

Thus, Wong fails to disclose, teach, or fairly suggest at least one of the expressly recited limitations of claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is not anticipated by Wong. Independent

claims 14, and 19 distinguish for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Claims 2-9, 15-18, 20-26 and are dependent claims and distinguish for at least the same reasons as their independent base claims in addition to adding further limitations of their own. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the instant § 102 and § 103 rejections be withdrawn.

New Claims 31-35

New claims 31-35 are dependent claims and are allowable based on their dependency from allowable independent claims.

Conclusion

The Applicant submits that in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance in this case.

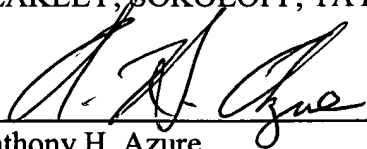
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Respectfully submitted,

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